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In re Application of:

Examiner: A. Evans

TC/Art Unit: 2622

December 5, 2005

For: CODE GENERATION METHOD,)
 TERMINAL APPARATUS, CODE :
 PROCESSING METHOD,)
 ISSUING APPARATUS, AND :
 CODE ISSUING METHOD)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed documents were cited in an Office Action dated October 17, 2005, from the Japanese Patent Office in connection with Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-092819, which is a divisional application of Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-230144, which is a divisional application of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-283461, which is a counterpart of the subject U.S. application. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance of these non-English documents, the Examiner is directed to the English-language abstracts attached thereto.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

CONCLUSION

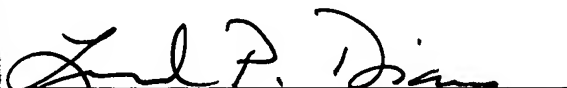
It is respectfully requested that the enclosed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that the listed documents have been considered and made of record in this application.

Also enclosed is a check for the required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2).

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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